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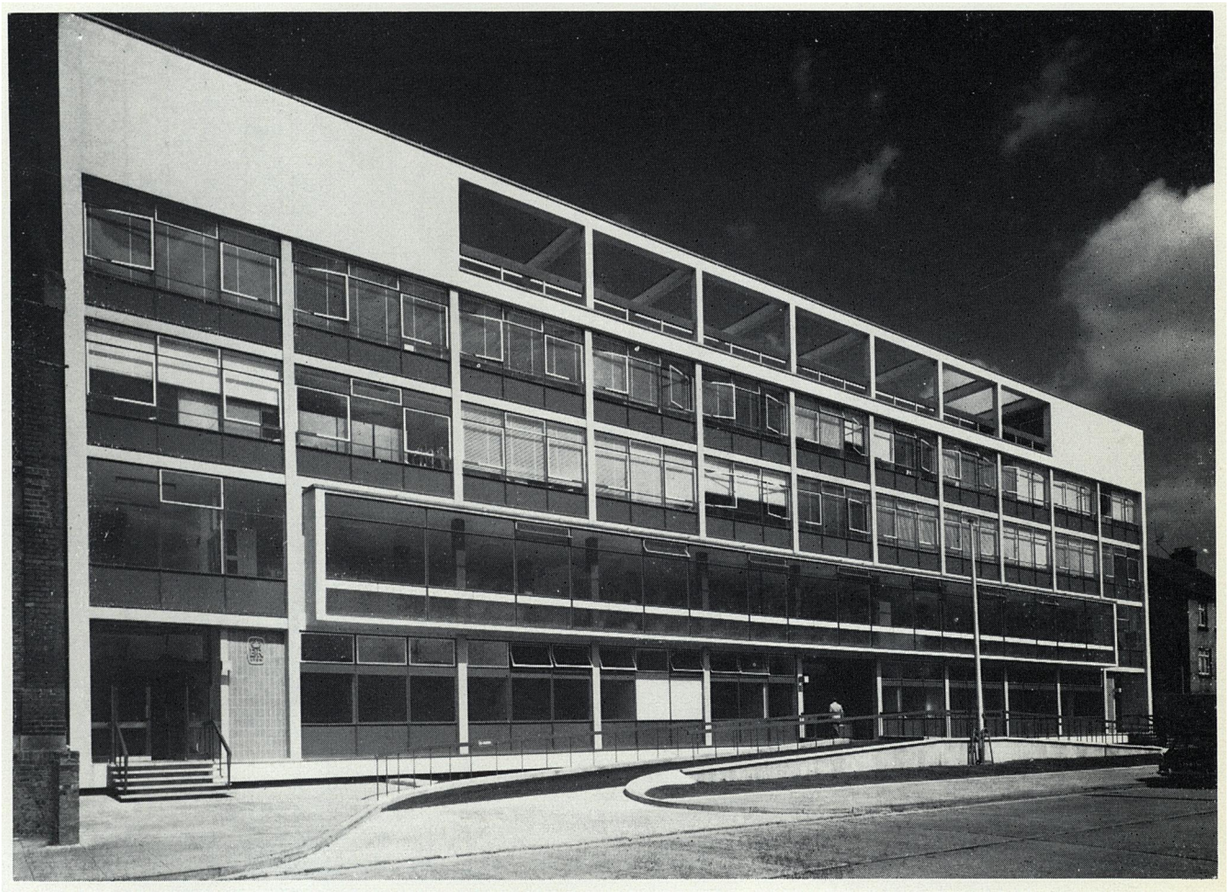

Above: The main facade, Crown House, The Brook, Chatham (note the ramped roadway to the main entrance and the projecting fenestration on the first floor). *Below left:* View from the entrance to the Essex County Hall extension at Chelmsford

The new Crown House at The Brook, Chatham, Kent, the main facade of which is shown above, is a five-storey structure, having reinforced concrete columns to a grid of 14 ft. 7 in. by 13 ft. and floors of flat slab construction. The flank walls to the main block and rear wing are of stock brickwork. Steel windows with green glass panels below cill level are used within the concrete frame. Architectural features include projecting full height fenestration to the public space at first floor level and an open roof deck at top floor level. To resolve the site levels a ramped roadway has been formed from The Brook to the main entrance. This building, was designed in the Directorate-General of Works, MoPW (E. H. Banks, FRIBA, senior architect in charge), and built by Humphreys Limited.

Essex County Hall Extension

Attractive fenestration characterises the completed extension to the Essex County Hall at Chelmsford. Aluminium mullions and window cills anodised to a medium grey contrast with the window frames, also of aluminium but anodised to a natural finish. Spandrel infill panels are coloured mosaic. The building was designed in the Essex County Architect's department (Harold Conolly, CBE, FRIBA, County Architect),and built by Walter Lawrence and Son Limited. Crittalls made the window frames, mullions and cills.

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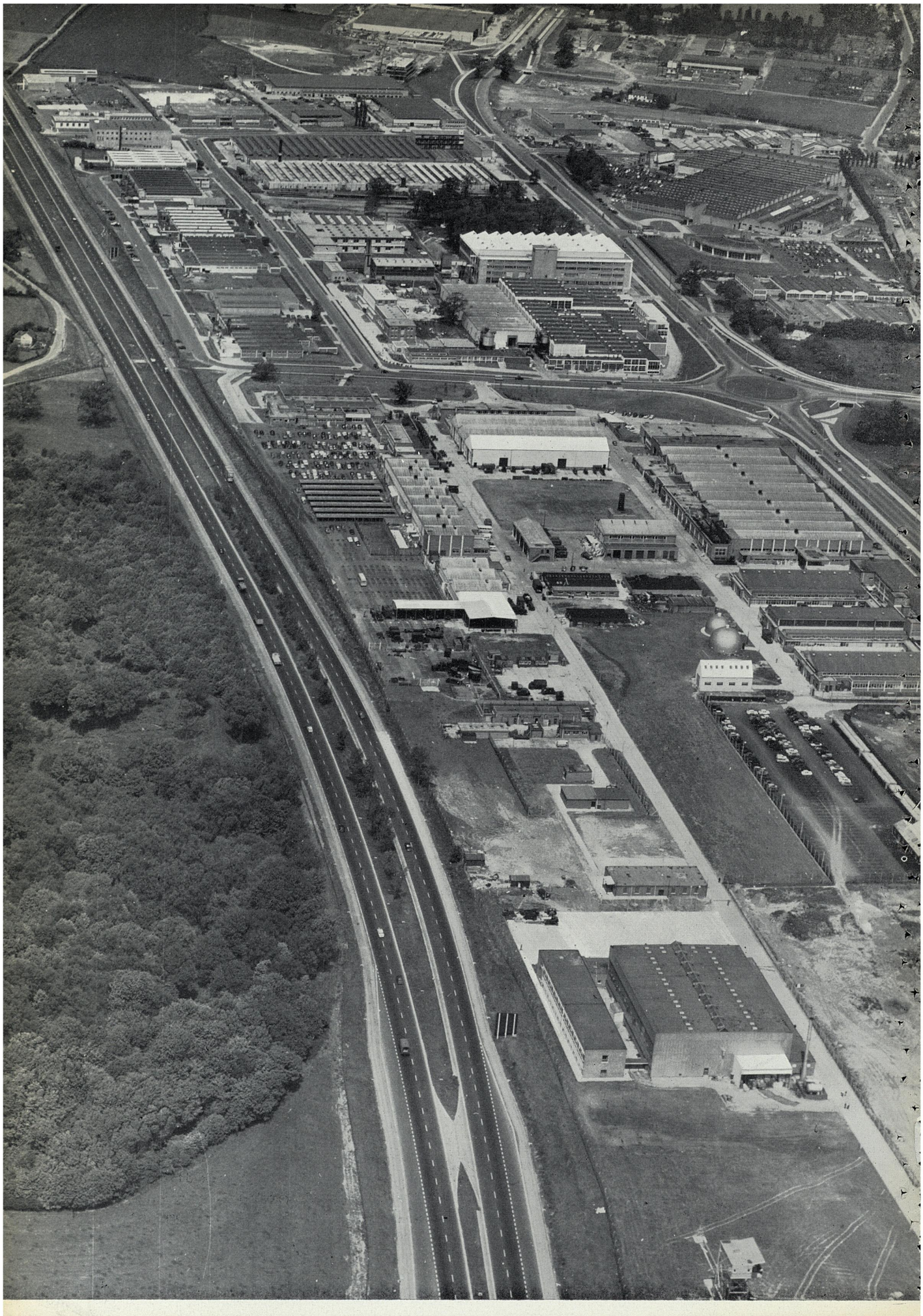

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